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FOLLOWING REPEAT MEXICO 46004 ACTION SECSTATE 28 MAY 75

QUOTE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MEXICAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS US

REF: A. MEXICO 4580; B. STATE 109215

FERNANDO GUTIERREZ, UNDERSECRETARY OF INTERIOR, SAW ME AGAIN AT HOME LAST NIGHT AT HIS REQUEST. HE HAD REPORTED TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON OUR CONVERSATION TELLING HIM FRANKLY OUR CONCERNS RE THE STRIDENCY OF MEXICAN RHETORIC (INCLUDING L.E.A.'S*). HE SAID THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN VERY UNDER-
STANDING AND WISHED TO REASSURE US THAT HE WOULD KEEP IN MIND THE ADVISABILITY OF SOMEWHAT GREATER DISCRETION IN MEXICAN SPEECH-MAKING. SIMILARLY HE WOULD KEEP IN MIND OUR CONCERNS RE CONFRONTATIONS AT VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS OVER CERDS. ECHEVERRIA WAS CONSIDERING THE ADVISABILITY OF INSTRUCTING
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MEXICAN DELEGATIONS IN EACH CASE TO WORK BEHIND THE SCENES

WITH AMERICAN DELEGATIONS IN ORDER TO WORK OUR SUITABLE
COMPROMISES IN FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE. HE SAID WE SHOULD NOT
FORGET, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT CONSIDERED IT AN ELEMENT OF
MEXICAN FOREIGN POLICY TO HAVE SOME ALLUSION TO CERDS
INCLUDED IN ALL INTERNATIONAL DOCUMENTS POSSIBLE.

2. GUTIERREZ IS TRAVELLING TO WASHINGTON ON MONDAY, JUNE 2,
AND WILL BE THERE UNTIL THURSDAY OR FRIDAY. PRESIDENT
ECHEVERRIA HAD AGREED WITH HIS SUGGESTION THAT HE TAKE
ADVANTAGE OF HIS PRESENCE IN WASHINGTON TO HAVE SOME
DIRECT CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
FOR FRANK AND FRIENDLY DISCUSSION OF MEXICAN INTERNAL
SITUATION. I HAVE SINCE COMMUNICATED TO HIM THAT DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM LUERS AND PERHAPS OTHERS WOULD
LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING HIM FOR LUNCH OR AT SOME OTHER CON-
VENIENT MOMENT. HE STRESSED AGAIN THAT THE PRESIDENT DESIRED
THAT NEITHER AMBASSADOR DE OLLOQUI NOR SECRETARY RABASA KNOW
OF HIS CALL AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT AS DID NOT WISH TO RUFFLE
THEIR FEATHERS. (IF THIS CHANNEL IS TO BE KEPT OPEN AND
COOPERATIVE, THIS REQUEST MUST BE RESPECTED*)

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD BE TOO MUCH TO EXPECT ECHEVERRIA (OR
IN FACT MEXICAN DELEGATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES) TO
BECOME SUDDENLY DOCILE, TACITURN AND UNEMOTIONAL SPEAKER.
AFTER ALL HE IS A VERY HIGH PITCHED PERSON AND IS THINKING
PRIMARILY OF HIS OWN DOMESTIC PROBLEMS AND INTERNATIONAL
IMAGE. NEVERTHELESS THE FACT THAT HE HAS SENT GUTIERREZ
TO SEE ME TWICE IN ONE DAY INDICATES CONSIDERABLE AWARENESS
OF OUR SENSITIVITIES AND WE MAY HOPE TO SEE SOME ELEMENTS OF
RESTRAINT ON HIS PART IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.
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